

FOREIGN CLAIMS SETTLEMENT COMMISSION
OF THE UNITED STATES
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20579

IN THE MATTER OF THE CLAIM OF

GEORGE A. SUSSMAN

Under the International Claims Settlement
Act of 1949, as amended

Claim No. CU -3703

Decision No. CU 3204

Counsel for claimant:

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PROPOSED DECISION

Claimant, GEORGE A. SUSSMAN, who owned twenty-nine (29) 3% Cumulative Income Debentures and three (3) Accrual Certificates issued by the Consolidated Railroads of Cuba, asserts a claim for \$8,900.00 under Title V of the International Claims Settlement Act of 1949, as amended, against the Government of Cuba because of its nationalization of said Railroad.

In our decisions entitled the Claim of Meyer Lobsenz (Claim No. CU-1005), and Claim of Edward R. Smith (Claim No. CU-5001) (which we incorporate herein by reference), we held that the properties of the Railroad were nationalized or otherwise taken by the Government of Cuba on October 13, 1960, and that this type of claim is compensable to an American national under the facts and conditions set forth therein. We need not again detail here the reasons or the method used in determining the value per \$5,000.00 bond of \$5,945.41 including interest to October 13, 1960, and the value per accrual certificate as set forth on the face thereof.

On the basis of evidence in the record in the instant case, the Commission finds that this claimant comes within the terms of the Lobsenz and Smith decisions; that he was an American national at the requisite times; that he has been the owner of twenty-nine 3% Income Debentures and three accrual certificates in the total face amount of \$72,250.00 since prior to October 13, 1960; and that he suffered a loss in the total amount of \$84,540.29 within the meaning of Title V of the Act. Further, the Commission finds that the amount of loss sustained shall be increased by interest thereon at the rate of 6% per

annum from October 13, 1960, the date of loss, to the date on which provisions are made for the settlement thereof. (See Lobsenz and Smith, supra.)

It will be noted that the total amount of loss found herein is in excess of the amount asserted by claimant. However, in determining the amount of loss sustained, the Commission is not bound by any lesser or greater amounts which may be asserted by claimant as the extent thereof.

CERTIFICATION OF LOSS

The Commission certifies that GEORGE A. SUSSMAN suffered a loss, as a result of actions of the Government of Cuba, within the scope of Title V of the International Claims Settlement Act of 1949, as amended, in the amount of Eighty-four Thousand Five Hundred Forty Dollars and Twenty-nine Cents (\$84,540.29) with interest at 6% per annum from October 13, 1960 to the date of settlement.

Dated at Washington, D. C.,
and entered as the Proposed
Decision of the Commission

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Leonard v. B. Sutton, Chairman

Theodore Jaffe

Theodore Jaffe, Commissioner

Sidney Treidberg

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NOTICE TO TREASURY: The above-referenced securities may not have been submitted to the Commission or if submitted, may have been returned; accordingly, no payment should be made until claimant establishes retention of the securities for the loss here certified.

The statute does not provide for the payment of claims against the Government of Cuba. Provision is only made for the determination by the Commission of the validity and amounts of such claims. Section 501 of the statute specifically precludes any authorization for appropriations for payment of these claims. The Commission is required to certify its findings to the Secretary of State for possible use in future negotiations with the Government of Cuba.

NOTICE: Pursuant to the Regulations of the Commission, if no objections are filed within 15 days after service or receipt of notice of this Proposed Decision, the decision will be entered as the Final Decision of the Commission upon the expiration of 30 days after such service or receipt of notice, unless the Commission otherwise orders. (FCSC Reg., 45 C.F.R. 531.5(e) and (g), as amended, 32 Fed. Reg. 412-13 (1967).)